IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas GOSTELOW

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For: TRACHEOSTOMY DEVICE

Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: Lopez, Amadeus S.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amend claims 1 and 3.

Amend the specification.

Replace the Abstract with the attached Abstract.